

The Daily Courant.

Tuesday, February 26. 1706.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Feb. 27.

Madrid, Feb. 12.

THE King's Departure for the Army that is drawing together in Arragon is fix'd to be on the 20th of this Month. The Advices from Arragon are, that the Marshal de Theffe having divided his Troops into 2 Bodies, to march on both sides of the Ebro, arriv'd the 24th of last Month at Calazeyte, which is on the Right of that River. There was in that Place a Body of 1500 *Sommetans*, who at first seem'd to be very resolute, and made a great Fire upon our Troops. But when they saw all things getting ready for an Assault, they endeavour'd to retire to the Hills: Yet could not do it without the Loss of above 150 Men kill'd, among them 2 Priests that were their Leaders. The Town was plunder'd and burnt. The 26th the Inhabitants of the Valley of Robles, submitted without making any Resistance, tho' there is a Fort in that Valley which the Rebels had put into a Condition to make a long Defence, by throwing up several Intrenchments. Horta surrendred the 27th, and a pretty considerable Quantity of Corn was found in it: Batea did the like, and the Marshal de Theffe having assur'd the Inhabitants of such Places as had return'd to Obedience, of the King's Mercy, advanc'd to Miraver a pretty strong Town, with a good Castle, in which was Artillery and a good Garrison. The Marshal de Theffe caus'd it to be batter'd with Cannon and Mortars, declaring at the same time, that if the Governour did not surrender by a Day limited, he would hang him, and would give no Quarter. The 3d Day the Place surrendred, and thereupon all the Country quite to Tortosa return'd to its Obedience to his Catholick Majesty. The Troops are march'd towards Tortosa. Those that are on the other side of the Ebro, under the Command of the Chevalier d' Asfeld, have reduc'd the Towns of Graus, Fons, and Benevarri which may be call'd the Capital Town of the whole County of Ribagorza, whose Inhabitants have express'd great Joy for their Delivery from the Oppression of the Rebels. The Chevalier d' Asfeld having Intelligence that 3 Companies of English, and about 800 armed Peasants, had intrench'd themselves at Sant Istevan de Litera, a Place situate between Moncon and Lerida, went thither to attack them, and after a very obstinate Fight made himself Master of the Place: All the English were cut in Pieces, their Commanding Officer excepted, who escap'd tho' much wounded, and the Peasants that were left took to the Mountains. This Advantage makes it easy to streighten Moncon the more; and the Bridge on the Cinca, by which Succours might have come to that Place, being secur'd, 'tis hop'd it will be taken without much Difficulty. The Troops of Murcia and Horiguela, have attack'd Ontiniente near Valencia, and the Bishop of Murcia having caus'd the Wall to be batter'd with Cannon, such a Breach was soon made as put the Rebels into Apprehension the Town would be taken by storm. They offer'd to capitulate, but the Bishop would not receive them on any other Terms than that they should pay 6000 Pistoles to commute for plundering, and deliver to him their Leader, whom he has sent Prisoner hither under a Guard of 50 Horse. Money is provided for this small Army, which encreases daily. The Town of Merida has made a Present to the King of 10000 Ducats, towards the Charge of the War. The Recruits design'd for Estremadura

are in part arriv'd there, and are marching thither from several Quarters, to form a Body sufficient to secure the Frontier on that side.

From the Amst. and Leid. Gaz. dated March 4 & 5.

Madrid, Feb. 12. An Officer that was made Prisoner in Barcelona, is come hither on his Parole. 'Tis pretended he reports, that of 8000 English and Dutch that landed there, hardly 4500 are left in a Condition to do service, the rest being dead or sick; and that there is so great a Disorder there among the Monks, that 2 Convents excepted, all the rest have renounc'd the Monastical Life, and some of them even Preach Heretical Doctrines: But 'tis most likely their greatest Heresy lyes in their Adherence to King Charles. There are on the Frontier of Portugal 7 Battallions of English, 3 of Dutch, and 2 Regiments of Horse and Dragoons; besides the Portuguese Troops, who are drawing out of their Quarters to the Frontier: The Marquis das Minas and some other of the Enemy's Generals are come thither, to make the necessary Dispositions for taking the Field. There are Letters which advise, that the Earl of Peterborough since he entred Valencia has detach'd Colonel Nebot with his Regiment and 2000 Miquelets, to offer Battle to the Bishop of Murcia who is said to be about Xativa.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated March 4.

Perpignan, Feb. 17. To Day an Express arriv'd here from the Duke de Noailles, with the News, that the Enemy having invest'd Bacara (with Design to make Prisoners 4 Battallions of French that were put into it,) he fell upon them the 15th Instant, and after a hard Fight oblig'd them to draw off; that 4 or 500 of them were kill'd and 100 taken Prisoners, among them a Priest arm'd, who is sent to Figuières; but the Loss on our Side is conceal'd, which makes it believ'd it was greater than that of the Enemy.

From the Paris Letter, dated March 1.

Paris, March 1. We have receiv'd the following Particulars of what pass'd at the taking of the Castle of Miraver, the only Castle the Enemy were possess'd of on the Right of the Ebro. The Rebels that were in it refus'd to surrender, notwithstanding the Marshal de Theffe threaten'd the Governour to hang him, if he waited till the Cannon play'd: Yet after a few Discharges they yielded without any Capitulation. There were in the Place 150 Arragonian Peasants, commanded by a Notary. The Marshal de Theffe kept his Word with him, and caus'd him to be hang'd with 6 others that were his Council; among whom was one des Landes a Frenchman born at Bourdeaux, and the ancient Governour of the Castle, who was put in by Charles II. and continued by Philip V, but had since declar'd for the Archduke. The 150 Peasants were sent Prisoners to Macabe. The Marshal de Theffe has caus'd 150000 Rations of Biscuit to be bak'd for his Army, which 'tis reported will traverse Catalonia, without stopping at any Enterprize, to joyn the Troops that are ordered from Roussillon. The Earl of Peterborough having entred the Kingdom of Valencia with 14 Squadrons of the Regiment of Nebot therein included, 3 Battalions and 500 Miquelets or armed Peasants, invest'd Morivedro, a small defenceless Town on the South Coast 4 Leagues from Valencia, into which M. M'honi had thrown himself the Evening before, by 400 Horse: It being an open Place, and there being but very little Ammunition in it, M. M'honi thought fit to surrender upon a very advantageous Capitulation, being allow'd to carry off with

all the Soldiers that had been wounded at the taking of Villareal and which were put into Morivedro, and 80 Prisoners that were taken in that Action. M. Mahoni retir'd the same Day to the Camp of the Count de las Torres. The Postscripts to the Letters from Madrid tell us, that the said Count having Information the Earl of Peterborough had entred the City of Valencia with part of his Troops, judg'd it convenient to retire 2 Leagues and there wait for Orders from the King, having first laid waste the Country about Valencia, (one of the finest spots of Ground in the World) to deprive the Enemy of Subsistence.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated March 6.

Madrid, Feb. 12. A few Days ago 2 Couriers arriv'd at Court, one dispatch'd from Majorca by the Viceroy of that Island the 20th of last Month, and the other by the Governours of Minorca and Ivica; to represent to the King the great Danger they are all in, unless Succours be sent to them before the Enemy's Fleet return into the Mediterranean, they having enough to do now to keep the People from revolting. 'Tis believ'd the Count de las Torres, who drew off from Valencia upon the Approach of the Earl of Peterborough, will find it necessary to retire as far back as Requena, it being conjectur'd the Enemy must needs have at least 10000 Men in that Kingdom. The French Troops that are in Arragon are very much lessen'd, having receiv'd great Loss in several Actions; particularly in the last Action at Sant Estivan de Litera, the Chevalier d' Asfeld had 400 Men kill'd, as many wounded, and 100 taken Prisoners by the Enemy; so that the Marshal de Theffe finds it more difficult to pass the Ebro and besiege Tortosa than he imagin'd. Tho' 'tis given out the King will set out from hence for the Army the 20th Instant, his Departure is render'd uncertain still, by the Advices the Court has receiv'd that the Catalonians appear resolutely determin'd to give the utmost Proofs of their Loyalty for King Charles III, and that the Earl of Peterborough has succour'd Valencia and frustrated the Design of besieging that City. All the Forces we have in Estramadura to oppose the Enterprizes of the Portugeze, consist but of 3000 Horse and a like Number of Foot, all Spaniards, and those in a very bad Condition.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated March 4.

Paris, Feb. 26. The 24th the Duke of Alva, the Spanish Ambassador, deliver'd to the King a Letter written by his Catholick Majesty, in which 'tis said he notifies his Resolution to put himself at the Head of his Troops, and that he had sent Order to the Count de las Torres to advance agen to Valencia, notwithstanding the Enemy have 7 Battallions in it: 'Tis talk'd the King, who caus'd the Courier to be immediately dispatch'd back to Madrid, has advis'd his Grandson not to undertake that Siege; but to endeavour before all things to recover Barcelona.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated March 4.

Axel, Feb. 28. They write from Ghent, that Advice was come thither from Spain, that the Earl of Peterborough having forc'd the Passages which the Marshal de Theffe had posted Troops to guard, is entred into Valencia with great Succours; that there is great Variance between the French and Spanish Generals; and that the Affairs of Philip V. be not in so good a Condition as the Letters from France pretend.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated March 4.

Hague, March 2. There are Advices from Spain, that the Earl of Peterborough having succour'd Valencia with a considerable Number of Men (7000 or some) and all Necessaries, there is now a Garrison of 10 or 11000 Men in that City well provided defend it; that the Enemy far from being in a Condition to attack it, will be oblig'd to retire quite out of that Kingdom; and that our Men have defeated a Detachment of 3 or 400 of the Enemy.

Amsterdam, March 3. Letters from Barcelona of the 3d of February, say all was well in that City, that the Inhabitants were intirely satisfied with Government of King Charles.

Hague, March 5.

A List of the General Officers nominated by the States General, for the Year 1706.

Velt-Marshal, M. d'Auverquerque.
Generals.

Horse.
Tilli.

Foot.
Salisch.

Lieutenant Generals.

Albemarle.
Dopft.
Dompere.
Hompefch.
Oostfrife.
Oyen.

Fagel.
Heuckelom.
Odenem.
Oxenstern.
Sparr.
Holstein Beeck.

Majors General.

Erbach.
Hesse Hombourg.
Athlone.
Wittinghoff.
La Leck.
P. William of Hesse.
Prince d'Auvergne.

Vecke.
Tscharnier.
Pallant.
Lauder.
Villattes.
Murray.
Collier.
Welderem.

Brigadiers General.

Saxe Weilbourg.
Matta.
Slippenbach.
Cralinguen.
Pozern.
Van Eck.
Ramminguen.
Grovertins.

Capol.
Van der Beeck.
Plettensbourg.
Els.
Ammema.
Hamilton.
Wassenaar.
Zieten.
Keppel.
Vegelin.
Nassau Vaudebourg.

Harwich, Feb. 23. To Day the Marlborough Packet Boat arriv'd with a Mail from Holland. She brings an Account, that the Transports from hence with their Convoy, were all arriv'd safe in the Maele, before she came away.

For the Benefit of Mrs. Oldfield.

At the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Tuesday, being the 26th of February, will be presented a Comedy, call'd, The Tender Husband, or, the Accomplish'd Fools. With Singing by Mr. Leveridge, Mrs. Lindsey, and the Boy. And several new Entertainments of Dancing by Monsieur du Ruel, Mrs. du Ruel, and Mrs. Evans taught by Monsieur Siris.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott Next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

An Entertainment by Mr. C. LINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double Curtell, the Organ with 3 Voices, the Horn, Huntsman and Pack of Hounds, the Sham Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Instruments are perform'd by his natural Voice: To which is added a Comical Dance. To be seen this present Evening, at 7 a Clock at the White-Horse Coffee-House in Barbekins. Price 1 s.

An Estate to be sold near Lichfield in Staffordshire with a House on it fit for a Gentleman, well Water'd and Wooded, with good Stables, Out-houses, Gardens, and Orchards, and round about it near 400 Acres of Meadow, Pasture, and Arable Ground enclosed, little of it ploughed of 20 years, situate between 2 Forests, and within 3 Miles of each, value about 6000 l. besides 100 l. per Ann. Rented within 15 Miles thereof. Further Information will be given by Mr. Hargrave at the Rainbow Coffee-House by the Inner Temple-gate, or by Mr. Johnson Bookfeller in Lichfield.

On Thursday the 28th of February 1705-6, will be expos'd to Sale by the Candle at Lloyd's Coffee-House in Lombard-street, 16 Pipes of new White and Red Lisbon Wine, an Entire Parcel, (just Landed) none sold out. Sold by J. Styles Sworn Broker. Catalogues to be had at Lloyd's Coffee-House aforesaid.

A Choice Collection of Modern English Books in several Faculties, which are most of 'em finely bound, and gilt on the Back, to be sold by Auction at Fellows's Coffee-House against the Half-Moon Tavern in Aldersgate-street, on Thursday February 28. and Friday March 1. 1705-6. beginning exactly at Five in the Afternoon. Catalogues may be had at the London Coffee-House behind the Royal Exchange, Mr. Midwinter's in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Lintott's in Fleetstreet, Mr. Barnes's in the Pellmell, at the Auction-Room by the Court of Requests at Westminster-Hall, and at the Place of Sale. The Books may be view'd Two days before.

This Day begins the Sale by Auction of a curious Miscellany of English Books in most Faculties, viz. Divinity, History, Lives, Poetry, Philosophy, Mathematicks, &c. amongst which are near 40 Volumes of scarce Pamphlets and Tryals relating to the Affairs of Charles the 1st, and the Popish Plot, &c. (at Guildhall Coffee-House in Guildhall-yard) beginning exactly at 4 of the Clock and continuing till 9 daily till all the Books are Sold. The Books may be view'd any day before the Sale begins. Catalogues are given gratis at Mr. Pool's under the Royal Exchange, Mr. Boyer's at the West end of St. Paul's, Mr. Smith's at the Roe-Buck in Fleetstreet, and at the Place of Sale. N. B. There will be Globes sold of several Diameters.